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Census keydata CD-ROM presents census information

An Australian Bureau of Statistics CD-ROM product released today enables users to personally unlock, on demand, information from the 1996 Census, the major results of which were released in July.

Census KeyData uses encryption/decryption technology to allow flexible access to Census data which can then be used for the widespread research and planning possible with the Census.

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Once a person has **Census KeyData** installed, they fax or mail their order to the ABS and, for a fee, receive a decryption key to enable them access to the data. The greater the level of access required, the more the access fee. For convenience, free access is provided to the Census Dictionary, Directory of Census Statistics, ABS Catalogue of Publications and Products, product demonstrations and sample data.

KeyData will be delivered in three stages, with Release 1 taking place today. It is available from ABS bookshops.

Noting that free access to a range of reference material is available on the CD-ROM, Media who wish to receive a copy of the KeyData CD-ROM (free) should phone:

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